

## REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicant gratefully notes the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 2-9, 11, 12 and 16 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if either rewritten in independent form or made dependent from an allowable claim.

Accordingly, in order to fully meet the Examiner's requirements, applicant has rewritten the claims to avoid narrative terminology and to place these into closer conformance with the U.S. claim drafting practice. In this connection, in compliance with the Examiner's requirements, applicant has combined Claim 1 with allowable Claim 2, and present herewith new independent Claim 22, which comprises the subject matter of allowable Claim 16, rewritten in independent form, in effect, by combining the limitations of previous Claims 1, 15 and 16 in an independent format.

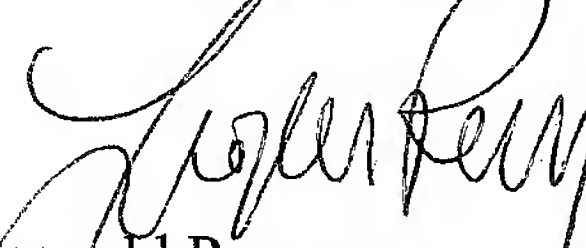
The remaining claims which are dependent from these two (2) independent Claims 1 and 22 are also deemed to be in condition for allowance as defining further limitations of the structures provided therein, while concurrently having been amended to conform to the U.S. claim drafting practice by providing appropriate antecedent terminology and avoiding narrative language.

Furthermore, as requested by the Examiner, the specification and abstract have also been amended to provide appropriate section headings and to correct terminology with regard to the term "compression spring".

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, which are deemed to be fully responsive to the Office Action, and in view of the allowability of the claims, no further detailed discussion of the prior art is deemed to be necessary in responding to the Examiner's Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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